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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Personnel

Chief, Administrative Law Division/OGC

FROM:

Legislation Division

Office of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT:

Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1989,

H.R. 94

- 1. On 12 April 1989, the House Science Research and Technology Subcommittee of the Committee on Science, Space and Technology marked up the above-captioned bill. The bill is aimed at the providing of safeguards against fire, i.e. automatic sprinklers and smoke detectors, within the hotel industry. Section 5 would, in most instances, proscribe payment of per diem to employees not staying at public accommodations meeting Federal fire prevention and control guidelines. Attached is a copy of the bill for your review.
 - 2. Should you have any questions, you may telephone me on

Attachment

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 94

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

- 1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- This Act may be cited as the ``Hotel and Motel Fire
- 3 Safety Act of 1989 .
- 4 SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.
- 5 (a) FINDINGS.--Congress finds that--
- 6 (1) more than 400 Americans have lost their lives in
- 7 multistory hotel fires over the last 5 years;
- 8 (2) when properly installed and maintained, automatic
- 9 sprinklers and smoke detectors provide the most effective
- safeguards against the loss of life and property from
- ll fire;
- 12 (3) some State and local governments and the hotel
- industry need to act more rapidly to require the
- installation and use of automatic sprinkler systems in
- 15 hotels; and
- 16 (4) through the United States Fire Administration and
- 17 the Center for Fire Research, the Federal Government has
- helped to develop and promote the use of residential
- sprinkler systems and other means of fire prevention and
- 20 control.